

Chicago Coin Club Bulletin



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Officers and Directors - 1952

Harry X Boosel	President
Col. James W. Curtis	First Vice-President
Mrs. Bess Case	Second Vice-President
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Glenn R. Ostrander	Director
Theodore F. Pokorney	Director
Edmund S. Amidon	Director

1952 COMMITTEES

Attendance: Registration Clerk: Joseph Unseitig, Jr.

Auction: Material: Messrs. Lindall, Brown, Smedley and Merkel.

Auctioneers: Messrs. Rayson, Shugrue and Lee Hewitt.

Banquet: Arrangements: Messrs. Boosel, Shugrue and Pokorney.

Publicity: Lee Hewitt.

Entertainment: Salisbury, Grimm, Kurtzeborn, and Halloween

Martin Kurtzeborn.

Exhibits: Messrs. Giello and Smedley.

Finance and Auditing: Messrs. Brown, Lindall, Barger and Smedley.

Grievance: Messrs. Rayson, Jackson and Yeoman.

Ladies' Activities: Mrs. Bess Case and Mrs. Merkel.

Librarian: Fred A. Clarke. (Library at 69 W. Washington St., Room 901)

Membership: Messrs. Jonas, Kopicki and Pokorney.

Publicity: Messrs. Friberg, Lee Hewitt and Bradfield.

Sergeants at Arms: C. Sam Carlson and Harold Klein.

PAST PRESIDENTS

C. N. Hinckley	1919	Edmund E. Lamb	1941—1942
Alden Scott Boyer	1919—1927	Paul Pennington	1943—1944
Dr. Al. M. Rackus	1928	Earl F. Barger	1945—1946
R. Edward Davis	1929—1932	I. T. Kopicki	1947—1948
J. Henri Ripstra	1933—1936	Glenn Ostrander	1949—1950
William G. Rayson	1937—1938	Harry X Boosel	1951—1952
Robert L. McBrien	1939—1940		

PAST SECRETARIES

R. Edward Davis	1919—1927	I. T. Kopicki	1939—1941
Elmer Lawless	1928—1930	Clifford Lindall	1942—1943
I. T. Kopicki	1931	Glenn R. Ostrander	1944—1946
M. A. Powills	1932	Earl C. Brown	1947—1949
R. Edward Davis	1933—1936	Glenn B. Smedley	1950
M. Vernon Sheldon	1937—1938	Joseph Merkel	1951

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1. R. Edward Davis*	12. Harry Williams*	23. Albert Madlener*
2. Fred Becker (r)	13. T. E. Leon*	24. L. P. Josephson*
3. Fred Michael*	14. S. Archie Hamilton*	25. M. P. Carey†
4. Louis DeCou*	15. C. N. Hinckley*	26. Judson Brenner*
5. George H. Blake†	16. Al. M. Rackus, M.D. (d)	27. Harry T. Wilson*
6. A. Atlas Leve (d)	17. W. R. Dunham*	28. Mrs. J. Henri Ripstra†
7. Alden Scott Boyer†	18. Ernest Jonas†	29. J. G. M. Luttenberger*
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MEMBERS

As of December 1, 1952

R—Regular; A—Associate; NR—Non-Resident; J—Junior

All addresses are in Chicago and Illinois unless otherwise stated.

David Allen, R-572, 1116 W. 143rd St., East Chicago, Ind. U.S. General; Gold.

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Uncirculated American Coins.

Daniel Antal, R-487, 4328 N. Springfield Ave. U.S. and Foreign.

Clara M. Barger, A-387, 1412 East 68th Street.

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Harry X Boosel, R-239, 2635 Balmoral Ave. U.S. Proofs and General.

Tillie Boosel, A-540, 2635 Balmoral Ave.

Fred C. C. Boyd, NR-117, Box 153, Ringoes, New Jersey.

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Elston G. Bradfield, R-468, 21 West Ohio St. U.S. Coins.

Jean Bradfield, A-537, 21 W. Ohio St.

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Charles Brown, R-580, 1370½ Wentworth, Calumet City, Ill. U.S. and Medals.

Earl C. Brown, R-418, 7005 S. Normal Blvd. General U.S. and Foreign.

Helen P. Brown, A-463, 7005 S. Normal Blvd Small Coins.

Flora M. Brown, A-266, 465 Douglas Street, Pasadena 6, Calif.

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Thomas Brown, Jr.-581, 1370½ Wentworth, Calumet City, Ill. U.S. and Medals.

Harry H. Bruce, R-411, 222 West Adams Street.

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Fred Burnham, R-290, 8159 Champlain Ave. U.S. Coins.

Richard McP. Cabeen, R-338, 1029 N. Dearborn Street. U.S. One and Three Dollar Gold, Fractional Currency, Minor California Gold.

Michael P. Carey, NR-25, 1218 Mullen Avenue, Los Angeles 19, Calif. One coin from each foreign country and Imperial Roman Bronze.

C. Sam Carlson, R-221, 4615 N. Keystone Avenue. Swedish Coins and Medals.

Bess Case, A-527, 7926 S. Evans Ave. Silver Dollars.

William R. Case, R-508, 7926 S. Evans Avenue. General U.S.

Fred A. Clarke, R-337, 319 Keystone Ave., River Forest, Ill.

George A. Cooke, R-539, 812 Glendale Road, Glenview. U.S. Coins.

Col. James W. Curtis, R-475, 515 East Capitol Ave., Springfield, Ill.
U.S. Patterns and Half Cents.

Mrs. Frances Davis, A-84, c/o Mrs. C. E. Brooke, 702 University Park,
Rochester, N.Y.

James L. Doak, R-393, 4606 N. Racine Ave. Postage and Fractional Currency.

Capt. O. H. Dodson, USN, NR-542, Prof. of Naval Science, University of Illi-
nois, Urbana. Ancient Coins of Historical Interest.

Thomas E. Donnelly, R-348, 35 N. Dearborn Street.

Benjamin C. Dreiske, R-291, 72 West Washington Street. Dealer.

Louis L. Dreyfuss, R-579, 9744 Springfield, Evergreen Park. U.S. General.

Wilton R. Dudley, R-241, 428 N. Kensington Ave., LaGrange Park.

Matthew Eisenbeis, R-307, 4044 School Street.

Oren C. Firth, R-578, 4434 Sheridan Road. Ancient and Colonials.

Edward Fogler, NR-553, 717 Sutter St., San Francisco 9, Calif. Coins of the
20th Century and Crowns of the World.

Clarence F. Frase, R-254, 904 N. Forest Ave., Oak Park, Ill. U.S. Coins and
Paper Money.

Albert J. Frendahl, R-365, P.O. Box 1784. Commemorative Coins of the U.S.A.

James A. Friberg, R-269, 6110 Stony Island Ave. U.S. Paper Money.

Maurice Friedman, R-504, 6023 N. St. Louis Ave. Indian and Large Cents.

Loyd B. Gettys, NR-402, Box 320, David City, Nebr.

John Giello, R-473, 4739 W. Flournoy St. U.S. Commemorative Half Dollars,
General U.S. Coins, Medals.

Paul H. Ginther, NR-584, New Holland, Ill. U.S. Small Cents, Commemorative
Halves, Lincoln and Washington Medals.

Charles Graith, R-567, 1250 N. Washtenaw, Calumet City, Ill. British and
British Colonial.

Salvatore Graziano, R-545, 523 N. Taylor Ave., Oak Park. General.

Charles E. Green, R-223, 413 Blackhawk St. General.

Ruth Green, R-311, 180 W. Washington St. Small Coins of the World.

Clyde L. Grimm, R-437, 1039 S. Lyman Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

Elmer W. Gustafson, NR-404, 2701 East Northgate, Indianapolis 20, Ind. U.S.
Coins—Uncirculated and Proof.

George Habermehl, R-496, 526 S. Hawthorn Ave., Elmhurst, Ill. U.S.

Ray Haggenjos, R-452, 2245 S. 56th Ave., Cicero 50, Ill. Civil War Tokens and
Cards; Hard Times Tokens.

Clyde Hand, R-492, 18330 Torrence Avenue, Oak Glen Station, Lansing, Ill.
U.S. and Geo. VI.

James Trowbridge Harris, R-511, 944 Sheridan Rd., Wilmette, Ill. General.

Fern Hartless, A-535, 1932 S. Mayfair, Westchester, Ill.

Roy R. Hartless, Jr., R-534, 1932 S. Mayfair, Westchester, Ill.

Harold T. Hedlund, R-532, 328 N. Avers Ave.

Herbert R. Hedman, R-298, 1158 Armitage Ave.

Ferdinand E. Heimberger, R-424, 1748 N. Tripp Ave.

Harold Henry, R-279, 834 N. Hickory Ave., Arlington Heights.

Cliff Hewitt, R-407, 7320 Milwaukee Ave. General.

Lee F. Hewitt, R-215, 7320 Milwaukee Ave. Type Coins of the World.

Evelyn Higginbotham, A-562, 9617 S. Winchester Ave. U.S. Coins.

Wm. B. Higginbotham, R-558, 9617 S. Winchester Ave. U.S. Coins.

William Hoppe, R-519, 3237 N. Racine Ave., Side Entrance. American and
Foreign Coins and Commemorative Medals.

George W. Howe, R-362, 2051 North Sayre Avenue.
 Jim Hurlbut, R-550, 848 Woodland Drive, Glen Ellyn. U.S. Commemoratives and U.S. Gold.
 Marion Isaacs, R-480, Route 1, Valparaiso, Ind. Tokens and Store Cards.
 Helen Jackson, R-276, 2510 East 76th St.
 M. H. Jackson, R-122, 2510 East 76th St.
 Ralph O. Jarvis, R-573, 4618 Magoun, East Chicago, Ind. Current U.S.
 Edward Johnson, R-405, Majestic Hotel. U.S. and Ancient.
 Ernest Jonas, R-18, 3043 N. California Ave. Foreign Coins and Silesia Coins.
 Nellie Josephson, NR-69, 1198 Lakeview Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.
 Arthur M. Kagin, NR-501, 400 Royal Union Bldg., Des Moines, Iowa. Dealer.
 Arthur B. Kelley, NR-356, 4314 Olive Street, St. Louis 8, Mo. General.
 Harold R. Klein, R-306, First National Bank, Hinsdale, Ill. General.
 Wm. R. Kleinschmidt, R-483, 1426 N. Kildare Ave. U.S. Coins.
 Roy Knockemus, R-490, 4940 N. Whipple St. U.S. Coins.
 I. T. Kopicki, R-124, 2142 Marshall Blvd. U.S. Coins and Paper Money, Lincoln Medals.
 Pearl Kopicki, A-303, 2142 Marshall Blvd. General.
 A. Kosoff, NR-502, 228 N. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif. Dealer. General.
 Robert Kracher, R-259, 5129 N. Keating Avenue.
 Frank Kratovil, R-467, 5420 W. 22nd Place, Cicero 50, Ill.
 Stanley Kruswicki, R-569, 8213 Commercial Ave. U.S. General and Type.
 Elsie Kujawa, A-390, 3401 S. 58th Ave., Cicero 50, Ill. Lincoln Cents.
 John Kujawa, R-364, 3401 S. 58th Ave., Cicero 50, Ill. Lincoln Cents.
 Halloween Martin Kurtzeborn, R-515, 1358 Sedgwick Street. U.S. and Foreign.
 LeRoy Kurtzeborn, R-457, 1358 Sedgwick St. Mint Sets of the World.
 Edmund E. Lamb, R-278, 10148 S. Seeley Avenue.
 Katherine Lamb, A-378, 10148 S. Seeley Avenue.
 William N. Lasky, R-392, 2720 N. Troy St. U.S. and Foreign.
 Gus H. Lind, R-380, c/o Norling, 18321 Martin Ave., Homewood. Foreign.
 Clifford Lindall, R-270, 106 Westchester Ct., Chesterton, Ind.
 Mabel Lindall, A-388, 106 Westchester Ct., Chesterton, Ind.
 Mrs. John Liska, R-557, 2802 S. Komensky Ave. U.S. Coins.
 Lennox R. Lohr, R-530, 57th & South Shore Dr. Patterns.
 L. Cecil Love, R-350, 6555 N. Spokane Ave. U.S. Silver Dollars, Trade Dollars, Early Halves.
 James E. Mac Donald, R-272, 4702 S. Kenwood Ave. U.S. Coins.
 Geraldine McBrien, A-294, 7418 S. Kingston Avenue.
 R. L. McBrien, R-253, 7418 S. Kingston Avenue.
 D. F. McCandlish, R-531, 1245 Westview Rd., Glenview.
 J. V. McDermott, R-430, 317 Marquette Ave., South Milwaukee, Wisc. U.S.
 Agnella E. McEvilly, R-268, 410 W. Webster Ave.
 Arthur N. Malm, R-398, 7914 Eberhardt Ave. U.S. Paper Money; U.S. General.
 L. B. Malmin, R-576, 2613 N. Albany Ave. General.
 Marilyn Malmin, A-577, 2613 N. Albany. General.
 Bruno Marek, R-256, 2219 N. Seeley Ave.
 B. Max Mehl, NR-32, P.O. Drawer 1480, Fort Worth, Texas. Dealer.
 Caroline Merkel, R-382, 7816 Cregier Ave. Swedish Coins and Gold Coins.
 Joseph E. Merkel, R-400, 7816 Cregier Ave. U.S. Coins.
 Paul Michael, R-413, 2758 N. Monticello Ave. Freak Coins—Gold and Silver.

Stephen Mielcarek, NR-135, 7433 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland 5, Ohio.
 Harry B. Miller, R-438, 3244 N. Osage Ave. U.S. Coins.
 Harry R. Miller, R-491, 3633 Euclid Ave., Berwyn. U.S. Minor Coins.
 J. E. Millizen, R-451, 518 N. Grove Ave., Oak Park, Ill. U.S. Coinage.
 Walter S. Mitchell, R-583, 9728 S. Calumet Ave. U.S. and Foreign.
 Imre Molnar, R-416, 1033 W. Van Buren St. Crowns of the World; Modern
 base metal coins.
 Philip J. More, R-518, 1633 Monroe St., Evanston. Commemoratives and
 Crowns.
 Albert W. Morris, NR-10, 54 Buckingham Street, Springfield, Mass. U.S. and
 England Gold and Silver.
 John Mulder, R-449, 1211 N. Euclid Ave., Oak Park. Large Cents and U.S.
 Gold.
 Fred Munzberg, R-522, 4646 N. Kenmore Ave. 1c to 25c and Odd Bills.
 Charles Musil, R-406, P.O. Box 859. Foreign Crowns and Gold Ducats.
 Walter Nemecek, R-538, 2215 Elmwood Ave., Berwyn.
 Fred Nickel, R-525, 4029 N. Monticello Ave. U.S. General.
 Ferdinand W. O'Brien, R-552, 6742 Ridgeland Ave. U.S. Half Dollars.
 Harold O'Connell, Jr., J-520, 633 Keystone, River Forest, Ill. U.S. General.
 Sylvester D. Olejnik, R-493, 5158 S. Racine Ave. U.S. General.
 Noble E. Olson, R-462, 736 N. Menard Ave. U.S. Coins.
 Ralph W. Osborne, NR-488, 604 E. Washington Ave., Guthrie, Okla. Small
 U.S. Coins.
 G. R. Ostrander, R-314, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Rm. 3600. Foreign Crowns and
 Gold.
 Earling H. Pederson, R-446, 710 S. Humphrey Ave., Oak Park, Ill. U.S.
 Marvin R. Pederson, R-456, 944 S. Marshall Ave., Bellwood, Ill. U.S. Types.
 Gladys Pennington, A-389, 849 Ridge Ave., Evanston.
 Paul Pennington, R-321, 208 W. Washington St. Greek and Roman.
 Roland H. Peterson, R-510, 2703 Asbury Avenue, Evanston, Ill. American.
 Ethel Pokorney, A-547, 6122 N. Hamilton Ave. Lincoln Cents.
 Theodore F. Pokorney, R-434, 6122 N. Hamilton Ave. U.S. Types.
 Claude B. Pound, NR-358, 4114 Catalpa St., East Chicago, Ind.
 M. A. Powills, R-180, 9645 S. Leavitt St. Oriental Coins, particularly India
 and Siam.
 James Rauen, J-517, P.O. Box 316, Santa Clara, Calif.
 Jane H. Rauen, NR-516, P.O. Box 316, Santa Clara, Calif.
 Ora Nye Rayson, A-304, 659 Wrightwood Ave. Small Coins of the World.
 William G. Rayson, R-220, 659 Wrightwood Ave. British Coins.
 Lewis M. Reagan, NR-436, 1056 N. Market Street, Wichita 5, Kans. General.
 Dr. Joseph P. Reich, R-328, 1308 E. 54th St. Silesia, Medicine, Napoleon I,
 Roman.
 Theodore H. Rich, R-464, 6604 S. Maplewood Ave. U.S. Silver Dollars and Com-
 memorative Halves.
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 Leif Ronning, R-186, 331 S. Dearborn St. Dealer.
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 Matt. Rothert, R-566, P.O. Box 5861, Camden, Ark. Currency.
 Mancel Roy, NR-560, 2602 Ethel Ave., Muncie, Ind. General. Dealer.

Arthur Rutz, R-305, 1036 Cleveland St., Gary, Ind. General—Medals, Currency, Martin Luther and Reformation.
 C. H. Ryan, NR-574, 57 Montague, Brooklyn, N.Y. Gold of all countries.
 Dr. Charles J. Ryant, Jr., R-369, 716 W. 82nd St. U.S. Coins.
 E. L. Salisbury, R-503, 628 Clarence Ave., Oak Park, Ill. U.S. Coins.
 Burton H. Saxton, NR-439, P.O. Box 548, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
 W. A. Schneider, R-383, Box 552, Kankakee. Coins with historical interest.
 George C. Schroeder, R-332, 6442 S. Maplewood Ave.
 John S. Schwartz, R-401, 404 W. 77th St. U.S. Types, Foreign Crowns, Commemoratives.
 Dr. Wm. B. Serbin, R-543, 7618 S. Euclid Ave. Small Gold Coins.
 Marcella L. Sheldon, A-459, 451 Wrightwood Ave. Medals and General.
 M. Vernon Sheldon, R-166, 451 Wrightwood Ave. U.S. and Ancient Greek.
 LeRoy Shelton, R-570, 170 Harbor, Glencoe, Ill. U.S. General.
 Thomas F. Shugrue, R-244, 6730 S. Green St. General.
 Earl L. Simpson, R-497, 5054 W. Madison St. U.S. and Foreign Coins.
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 Dr. E. D. Skeen, R-207, 504 Broadway, Room 1028, Gary, Ind. Indiana Bills and Tokens.
 Florence M. Smedley, A-536, 8019 S. Calumet Ave.
 Glenn B. Smedley, R-443, 8019 S. Calumet Ave. U.S. Types and Freaks.
 Clifford B. Smith, R-561, 7258 So. Union. Coins; Currency.
 Joseph Stefanko, R-331, 7724 Natchez Ave., Route 1, Oak Lawn, Ill.
 E. J. Strieter, R-509, 815 Pierce St., Gary, Indiana. U.S. Coins.
 George Svolos, R-585, 700 So. Wabash Ave. General.
 Morris Thacker, R-177, 902 N. State St. General Collection, also tokens of old Chicago, circus, movies and theaters.
 John R. Thetford, NR-412, 235 S. Grove Circle, Dunedin, Fla.
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 M. J. Vinicky, R-454, 10524 Canterbury St., Westchester. All U.S. Coins.
 Martin Vink, R-564, 12419 S. Perry Ave. U.S. Coins and Medals.
 George M. Vivian, R-507, 3349 West 61st Street. Crowns of the World.
 John T. Vorgias, R-427, 181 W. Madison Street.
 Joseph C. Weidenhoff, R-403, 850 Lake Shore Drive.
 Harold B. Wendell, R-476, 325 Fullerton Parkway. U.S. Cents and Silver Dollars and Foreign Crowns.
 Walter H. White, R-243, 4122 N. Drake Ave. U.S. Coins and Commemoratives.
 George A. Willard, R-521, 5719 N. Kenmore Ave. Silver Dollars and Gold Coins.
 Clarence R. Wills, R-571, 11346 S. Langley. U.S. General and Foreign.
 John P. Wilmot, R-551, 1619 N. Parkside Ave. U.S. Coins and Currency.
 Matthew F. Wojtaszek, R-481, 2637 N. Mozart St. General.
 Ben Wolman, R-513, 5529 Everett Avenue. Commemoratives.
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(206 members as of December 1, 1952)

IN MEMORIAM

EDMUND S. AMIDON

ANA-7006 (1938) — CCC-R-236 (1934)

2527 Ainslie St., Chicago, Ill.

Edmund S. Amidon joined Chicago Coin Club as a Regular Member in February, 1934. He was a collector of "U.S. General."

He was born in Milwaukee, Wis., August 26, 1908 and passed away in Chicago April 5, 1952.

Mr. Amidon was employed in the wholesale jewelry business. He lived with his mother and a brother, George, who survive him. Although his health was never good, he attended most of our meetings and at the time of his death he was a Director of Chicago Coin Club. He is missed by the many who have known him over the years he has been a member. ECB

HARRAL CARL BILGER

ANA-9242 (1942) — CCC-NR-399 (1943)

11 N. VanBuren St., Freeport, Ill.

Mr. Bilger was born January 21, 1885 in Mifflinburg, Pa. and died February 20, 1952 at the home of his daughter in Waterloo, Iowa.

He became a member of Chicago Coin Club in 1943 and collected Types of Coins of the World.

The Bilgers lived in Chicago for awhile and then moved to Freeport where Mr. Bilger was in business and he was active in the community, belonging to many civic and fraternal groups. He is survived by two daughters, a brother and six grandchildren. Although seldom able to attend our meetings he was well known and well liked by many of our older members and he retained his connection with the Club as a Non-Resident member. ECB

ELMER PAUL LAURENT

ANA-6882 (1938) — CCC-NR-575 (1952)

2619 Roosevelt St., Clinton, Iowa

Elmer Laurent became a Non-Resident member of Chicago Coin Club on May 14, 1952 (Our 400th Meeting). He was a charter member of the Iowa Numismatic Association which was founded in 1938 and it was while attending the I.N.A. Convention in Waterloo, Iowa that he suffered fatal heart attack in the early morning hours of Sunday, May 25, 1952. He is survived by a wife and two children.

Elmer's numismatic specialty was "miniature foreign coins." He was well known and well liked. As Burton Saxton wrote in *The Numismatist* of August 1952, "He will be held in grateful remembrance by those of us who knew him over the years and learned to appreciate his kindness, his modesty, his enthusiasm and his complete sincerity." ECB

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Members of our club might have asked themselves in the past, "What am I getting out of the Chicago Coin Club?" The answer to the question might well be, "What am I putting into the club?" If one has an investment account and makes continual withdrawals the end is not long in sight. The more you put in to the Club the more you will get out in pleasure of having accomplished something and having done something for your fellow members as well as the pleasant associations with your fellow workers.

During the past year we have accomplished many things, but we must not rest on our laurels. We must ever strive to better the Club. There is no such thing as standing still and marking time. We either progress or retrogress. We must continue to work and work hard in the time to come to keep the Chicago Coin Club on top.

In 1952 we were at last successful in winning first place for Class A Clubs participating in National Coin Week. We struck a counterstamped Mexican Peso for our 400th meeting in May, and later with the Class B National Coin Week Winner struck a joint Illinois token for that event. Ladies Night was a social and refreshing success. Our annual banquet, an all day affair, brought guests from Milwaukee, Racine, Iowa and the suburbs. Local talent that was not previously suspected was used with surprising good results.

Not to be overlooked is the fact that Central States confirmed during 1952, that they would meet in Chicago in 1953. We understand the hard working chairman and his committee have plans well under way and this promises to rival any previous numismatic convention.

During the past year a number of ideas were tried to stimulate more interest in our meetings. The idea of a "Swap Night" has long lain dormant. This was tried but no one had anything to swap! Just because this one didn't work is no reason to believe that others won't be tried. If anybody has any ideas for the good of the Club, let them be brought forward. This club belongs to the members, and while we have a Governing Board to administer the club, remember that it is being run for your benefit.

We have also, during the past year, made inquiry into new locations for meeting places for various reasons, but so far we remain in the LaSalle Hotel and meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Lincoln Room.

For a number of years we held the dues to a minimum, but actual operational costs had risen so that it was necessary to raise the dues of the regular members. This was done without any appreciable loss in membership and the club is now on a more secure financial footing.

The hard working auction committee, through no fault of its own, might be likened to the mountain which "Labored mightily and brought forth a mouse." There has been a dearth of good material and a plethora of poor. Unless more good material is provided in the future, this activity faces a questionable future.

We must not forget that the Chicago Coin Club has undertaken to record Illinois Numismatically. Various committees were appointed and they still stand. These were listed in the 1949 issue.

My personal thanks to my fellow officers and committees of the Club who have helped to make 1952 a successful numismatic year for the Chicago Coin Club.

—Harry X Boosel, President

The Club Library

The attention of our newer members is called to the fact that your club maintains a sizeable library of numismatic books for the use of its members. Fred A. Clarke is our Librarian and he maintains offices in Room 901, 69 W. Washington Street. Members are permitted to borrow any book or books from the library for a period of one month. If you do not have a library list, one may be obtained from the secretary. The club owns over 200 works and members are invited to use this important facility.

Our Auctions

During a year, the club normally holds four to six auctions sales. These auctions fill a three-fold purpose: provide funds for our publications; dispose of members duplicates and give other members an opportunity to acquire pieces for their collections. A fourth purpose, to some at least, is that a coin auction helps to keep one abreast of the coin market.

The commission charge is 10% and members are urged to dispose of some of their duplicates thru the club sales, especially pieces which will realize from \$1.50 to \$10.00 each. Reasonable reserves may be placed on lots, however, in event the reserve is not exceeded by floor bids a cataloguing charge of 10c to 20c per lot is assessed to cover cost of mimeographing.

Material for auction may be given or mailed to Clifford Lindall or Earl C. Brown.

Illinois Numismatically

Some years ago the club embarked upon the project of compiling lists of numismatic items relating to, or issued in, Illinois. Some of this material has been published in prior numbers of our Bulletin: "Civil War Cards of Illinois," by Ray Haggenjos; "Early Illinois Store Cards," by Ernest Jonas and Ray Haggenjos; "Early Illinois Bank Notes," by Lee F. Hewitt.

There are still several other fields of Illinois numismatic items to be covered in future issues as funds permit and members are urged to make notations of all such items they own or know of. Give the information to the secretary, who will see that it gets to the editor of that particular phase.

Coin Club "Chatter"

Every month the "Chatter" sheet comes to each member as a reminder of the next meeting and to pass on personal news items as well as current events. It's a chore that Editor Glenn Ostrander cheerfully executes but he needs those news items that only you can furnish. His address is: Room 3600, 20 N. Wacker Drive.

Central States Convention

Without a doubt the most important event of the coming club year will be when we act as host to the Central States Numismatic Society Convention on May 1-2-3. Judging from advance reservations its going to be a really big show with prominent collectors and dealers from coast to coast participating.

